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B. Sterne
A. Mis

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S. Fortuna
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J. Jean
D. Pacheco

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A. Fournier
P. Rodrigues
K. Souza
A. Fisher
R. Cloutier

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M. Pelletier
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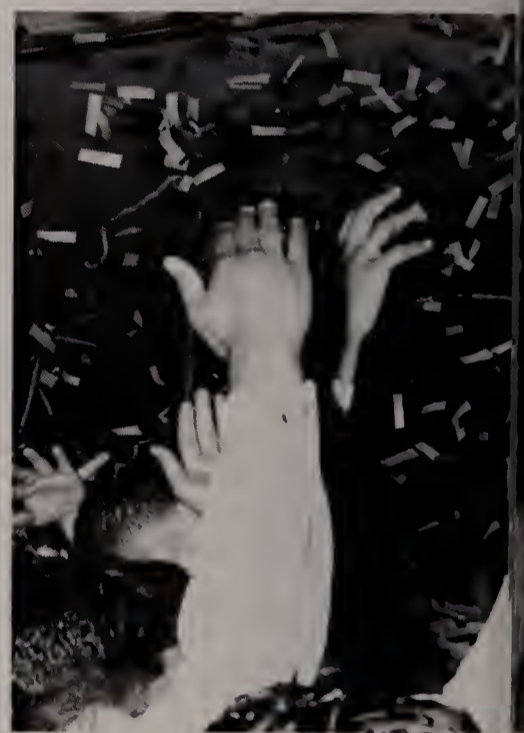
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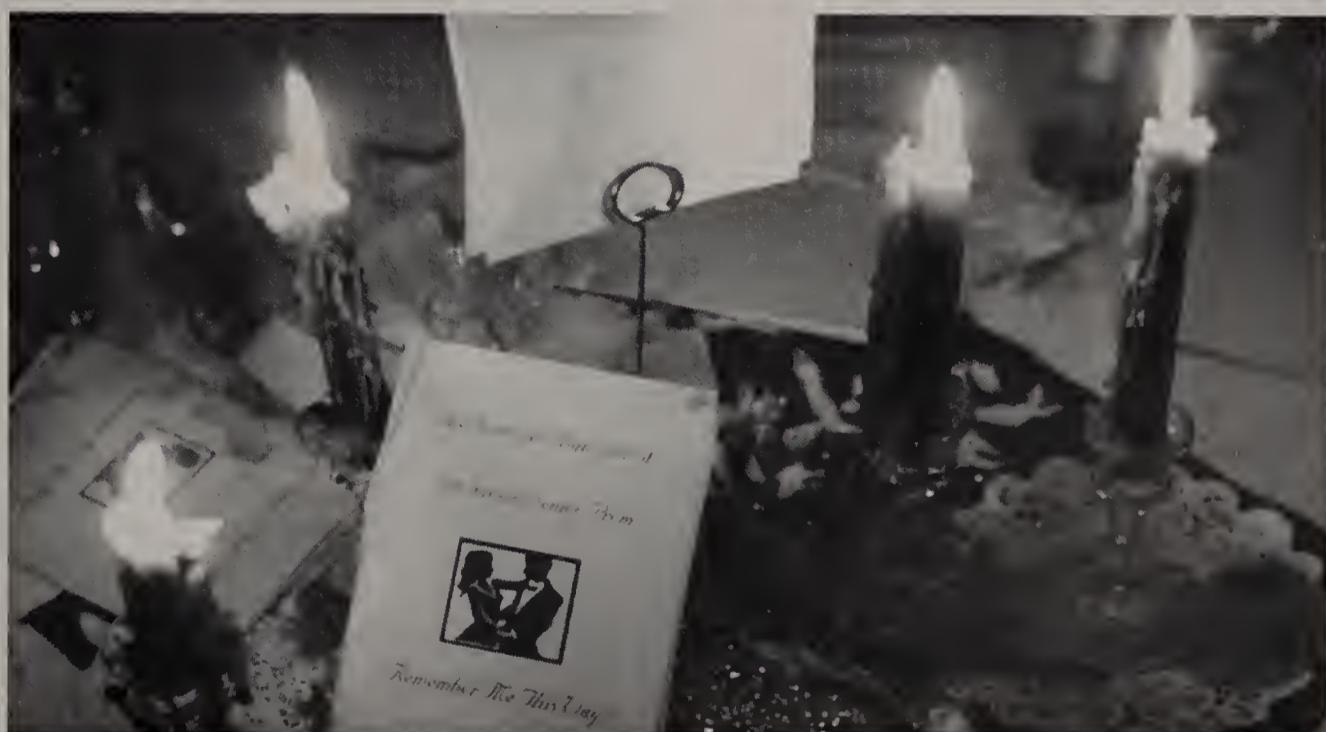


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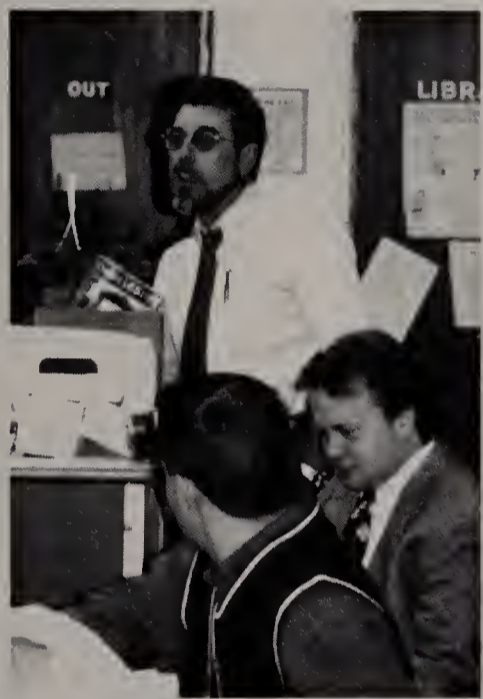


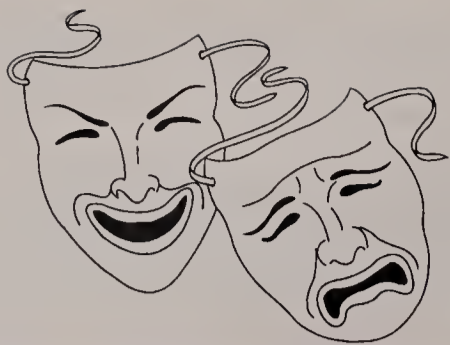
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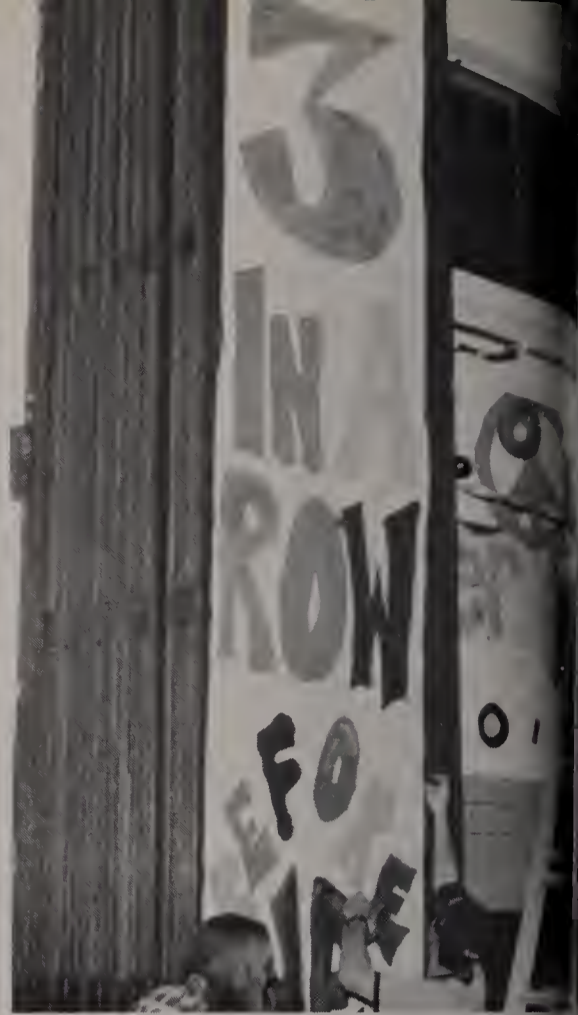
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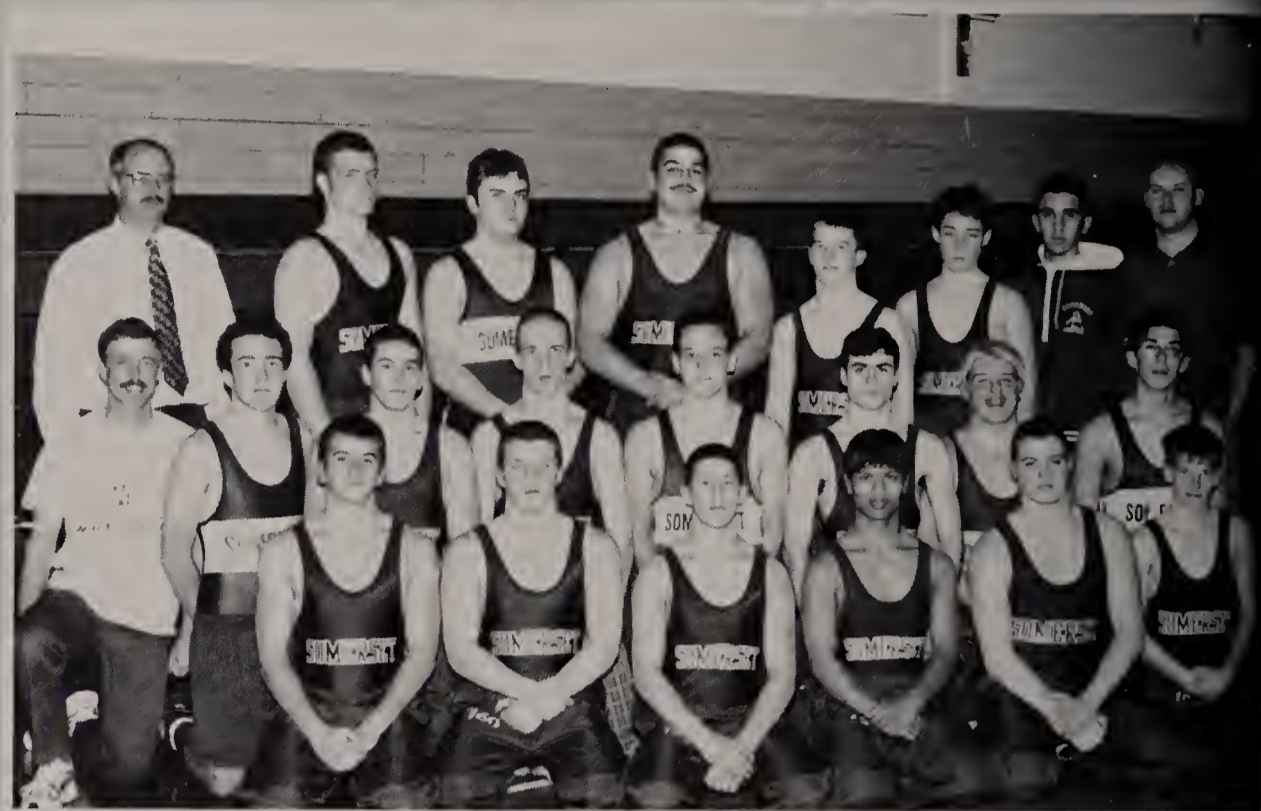
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Wrestling



Captains
Josh Crisman, Thomas Mello



Seniors
*Josh Crisman, Thomas Mello,
Josh Monast*

Boys' Basketball



Seniors

*Mark Souza, Adam Souza, Shawn Birge, Andy Lynch
David Joynt, Jason Wheeler, Neil Charette*



Captain Shawn Birge





Fall Cheering



Seniors

Monica Coulombe, Andrea Simard, Katelyn Costa, Jen Alberto, Katie Donnelly

Captains

Andrea Simard, Monica Coulombe, Katelyn Costa





Gymnastics



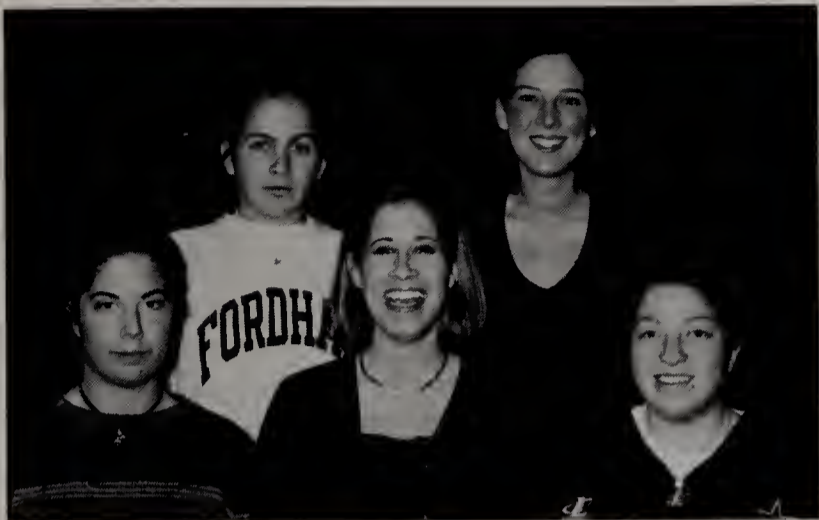
Alaina Harris, absent



Senior Spring Athletes



Golf



Girls' Tennis



Boys' Tennis



Girls' Track



Softball



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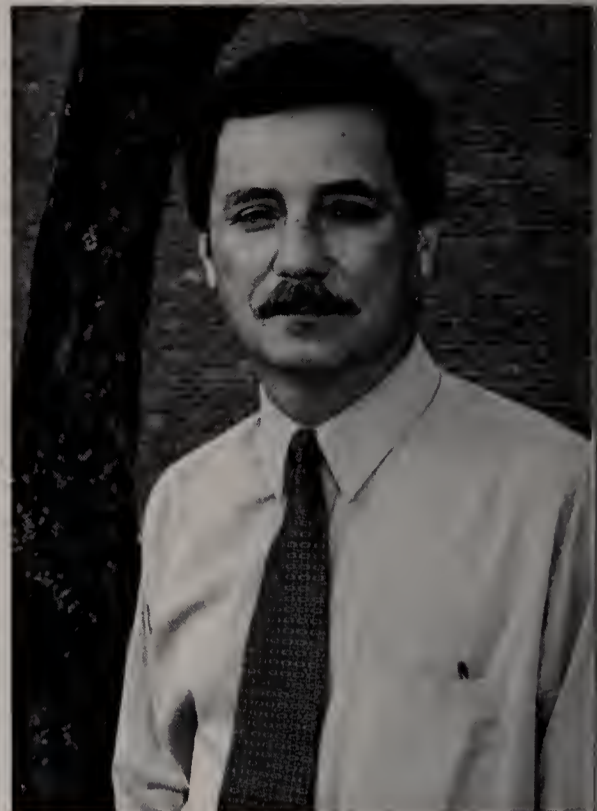


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*Monica Coulombe
Editor-in-Chief*

This yearbook is my attempt to capture all the memories we have had over our years at SHS. As the editor, I've spent many hours reviewing pictures to include in our yearbook. The yearbook staff has chosen the ones that they feel best remind us of all the great times we have had at SHS. Our goal as the yearbook staff has been to include all the members of the class of '99, which is not an easy task. From the prom and the semi, to the rallies and sporting events, we've included just about everyone.

Thanks to all the members of the yearbook staff for selling ads and their dedication in compiling this yearbook. Thanks to the merchants and friends who generously donated money to provide financial assistance to fund our yearbook. Thanks to Joe Geoffreys of Chestnut Hills Studios and Norval Garnett of Jostens yearbook. Most of all thank you M. LaMothe for your expertise, patience, and guidance.

Follow your dreams class of '99 and best of luck to all in the future.

Monica

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



*Julia Sullivan
Senior Class President*

It seems that just yesterday we were the "little fish" in the "big pond" of Somerset High School. The last four years have quickly passed and now it is time for us to move on. It is time for us to leave behind the comfort of SHS. Our high school experience has prepared us well to take this leap into the "real world". Not only have our experiences at Somerset High School taught us to survive academically, but they have also helped us to develop confidence, to become individuals, to recognize our strengths, weaknesses, dreams, goals, and to learn how to work as a team. Over the past four years we have proved our ability to work together. We have stood by one another through difficult times, and also supported each other's triumphs and successes.

The Class of 1999 has brought a new level of spirit to and pride to Somerset High School. As we move on in life may we always carry with us the sense of enthusiasm and dignity, which was fostered here at SHS. Take the values and life lessons which you learned here, and allow them to act as a foundation for your future endeavors. Through whatever lies ahead, may we always keep our memories from Somerset High School close to our hearts.

*To the Senior Class of 1999,
I wish you the best of luck.*

Julie

Some Seniors Working....



*The Class of 1999
Will Always Remember
Alan Couto
February 8, 1981-July 19, 1998*



*I am home in Heaven, dear ones;
All's so happy, all's so bright!
There's perfect joy and beauty
In this everlasting light.*

*All the pain and grief are over,
Every restless tossing passed;
I am now at peace forever,
Safely home in Heaven at last.*

*Did you wonder I so calmly
Trod the Valley of the shade?
Oh! but Jesus' love illumined
Every dark and fearful glade.*

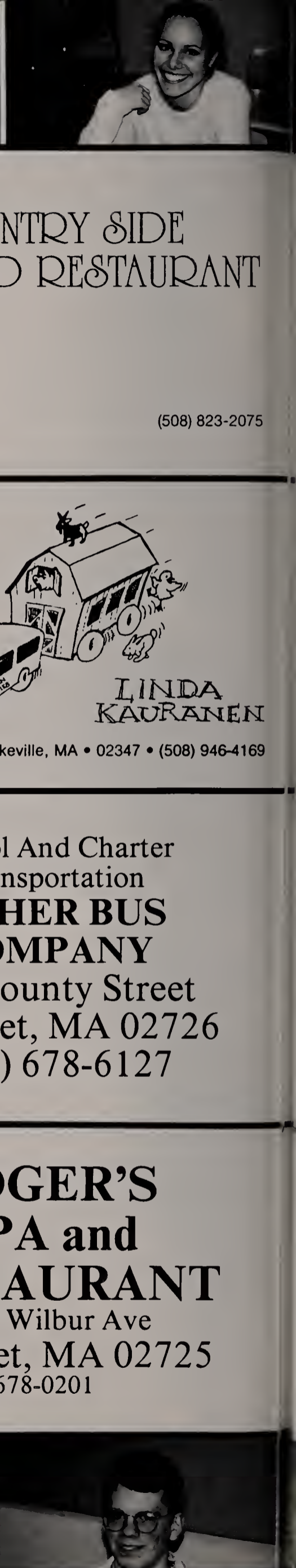
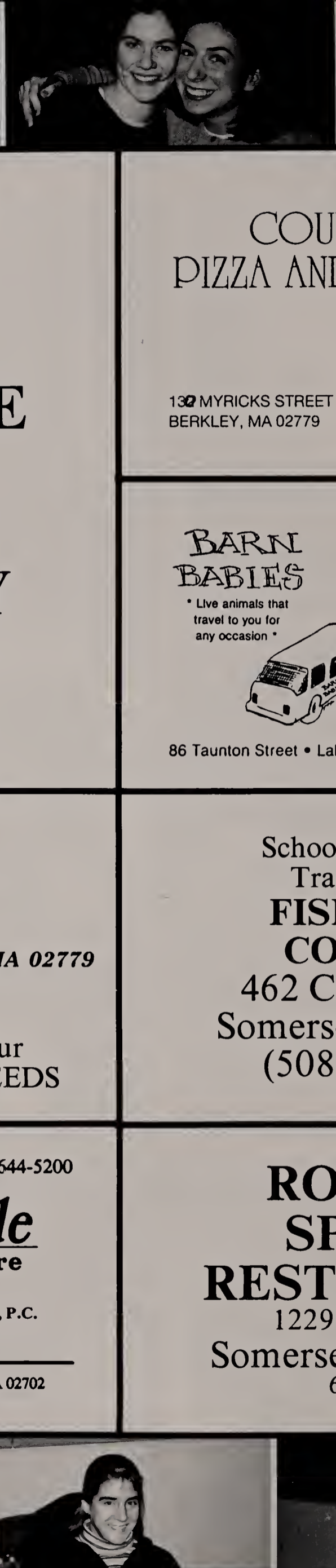
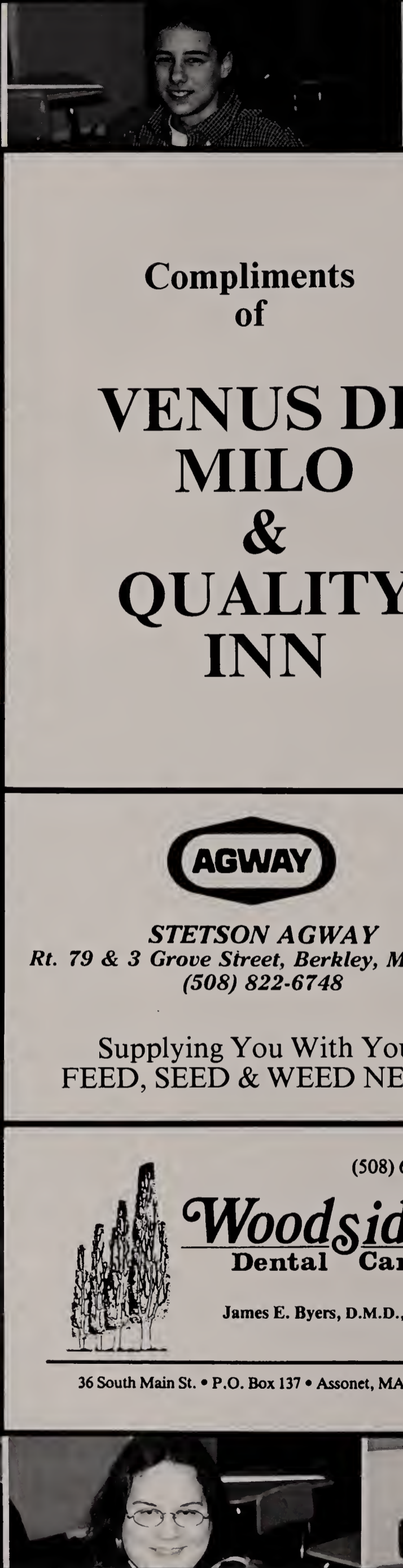
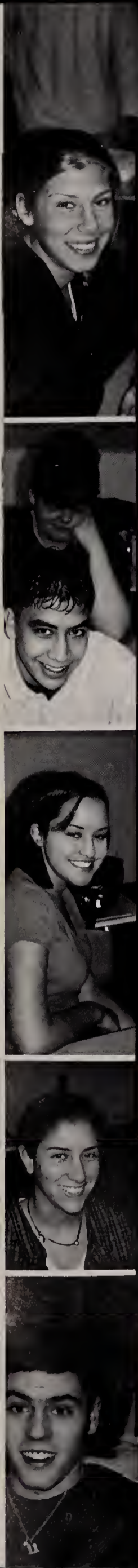
*And he came Himself to meet me
In that way so hard to tread;
And with Jesus' arm to lean on,
Could I have one doubt or dread?*

*Then you must not grieve so sorely,
For I love you dearly still;
Try to look beyond earth's shadows,
Pray to trust our Father's will.*

*There is work still waiting for you,
So you must not idle stand;
Do your work while life remaineth-
You shall rest in Jesus' land.*

*When that work is all completed,
He will gently call you home;
Oh, the rapture of the meeting!
Oh, the joy to see you come!*

*Alan Couto
February 8, 1981 - July 19, 1998*



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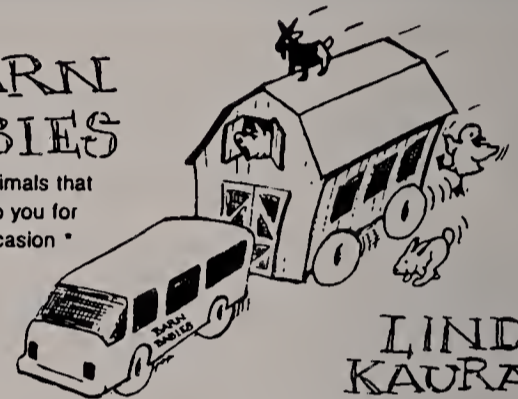
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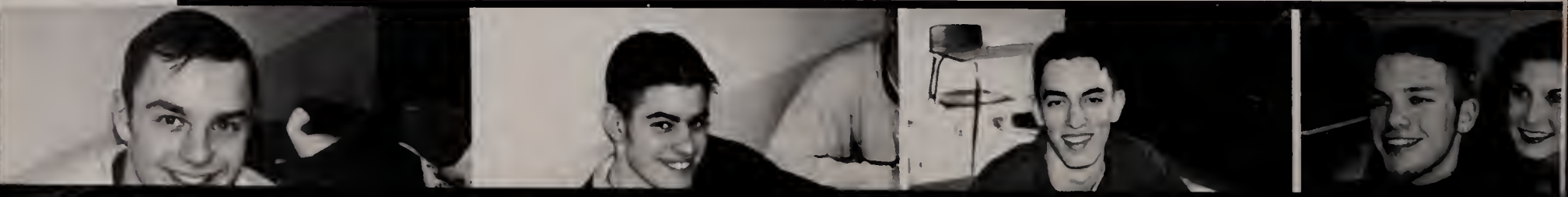
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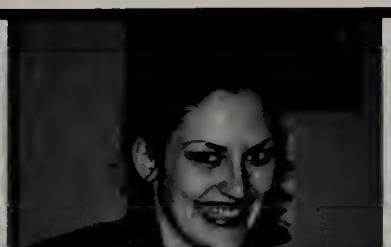
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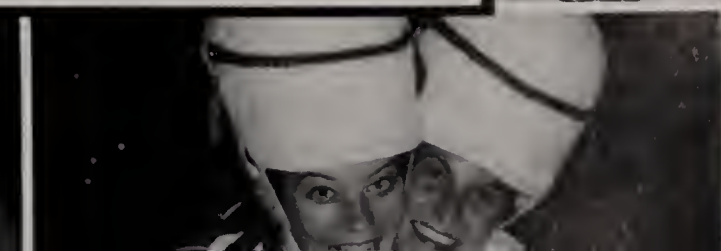
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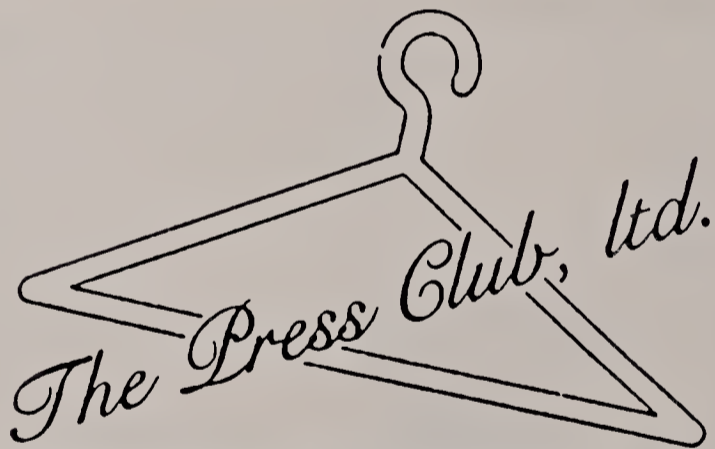


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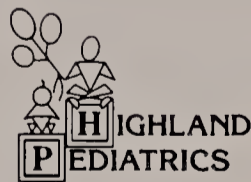
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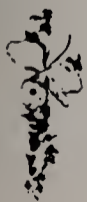
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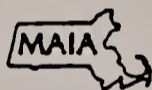
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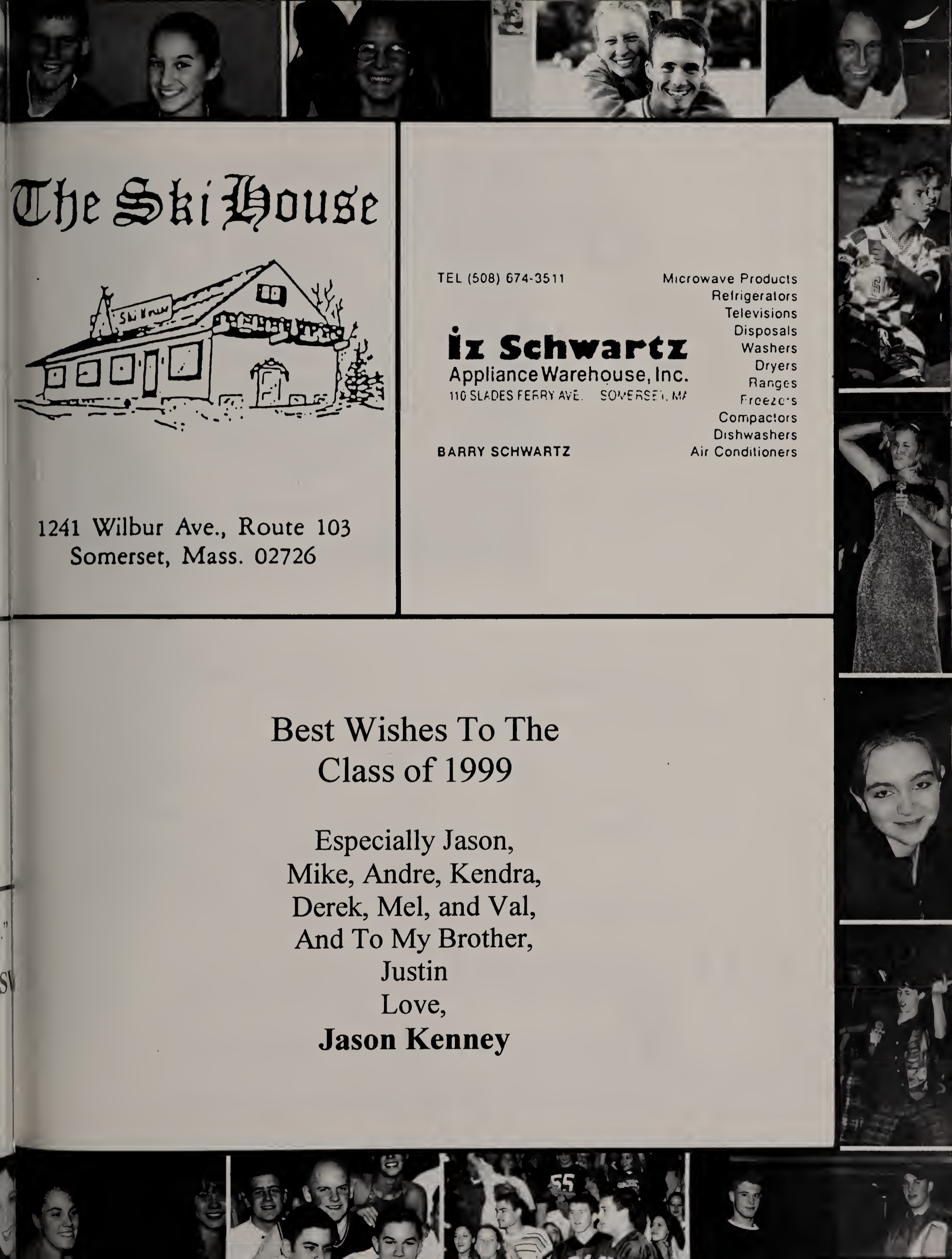
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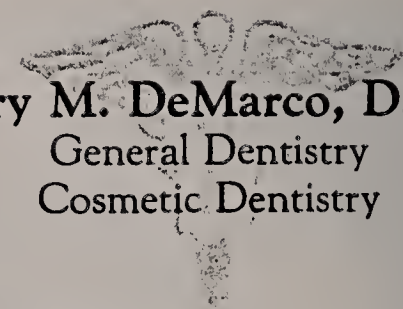




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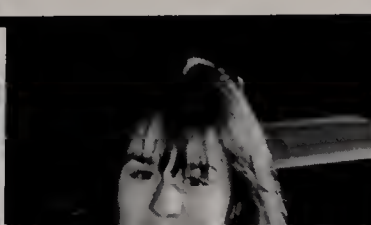
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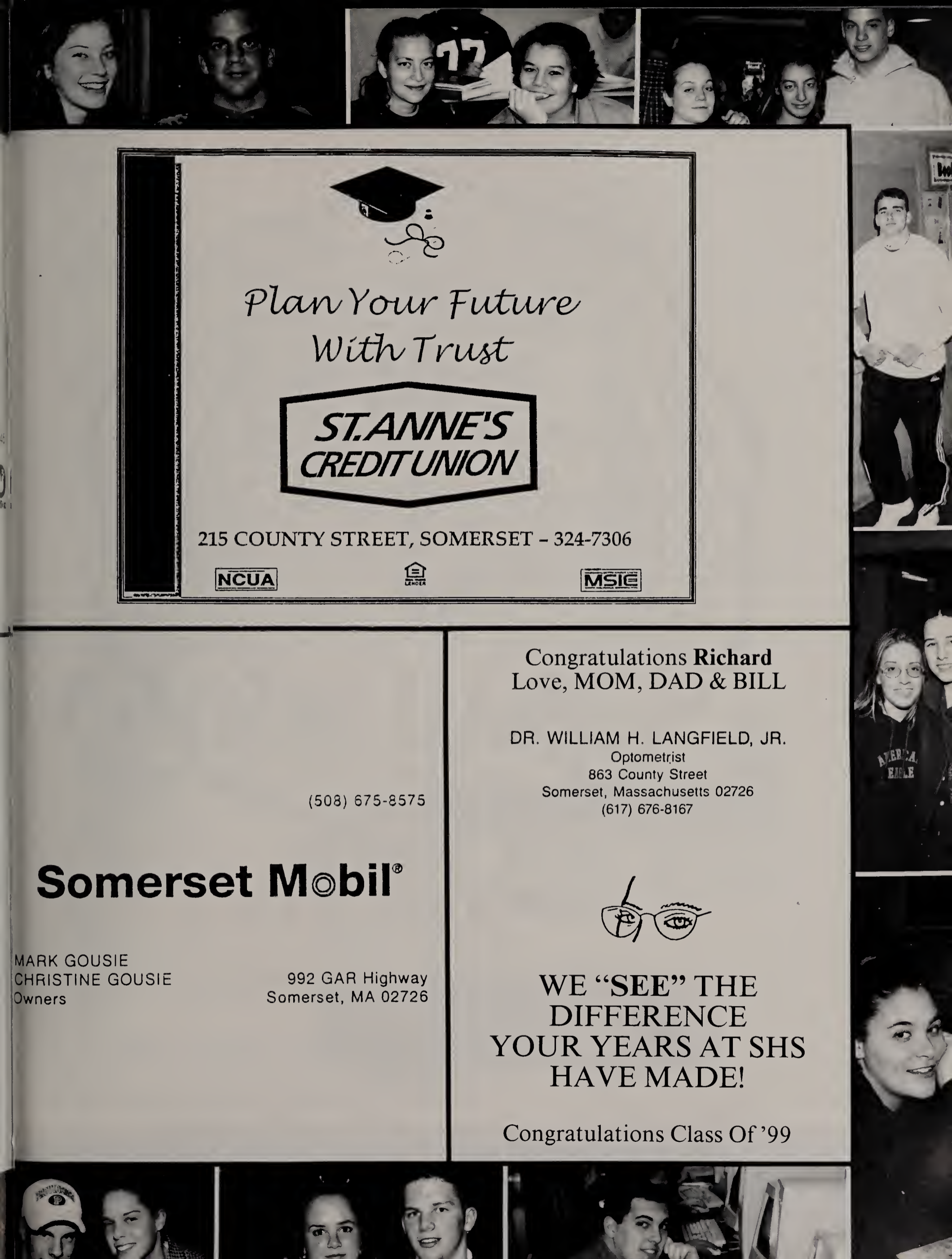
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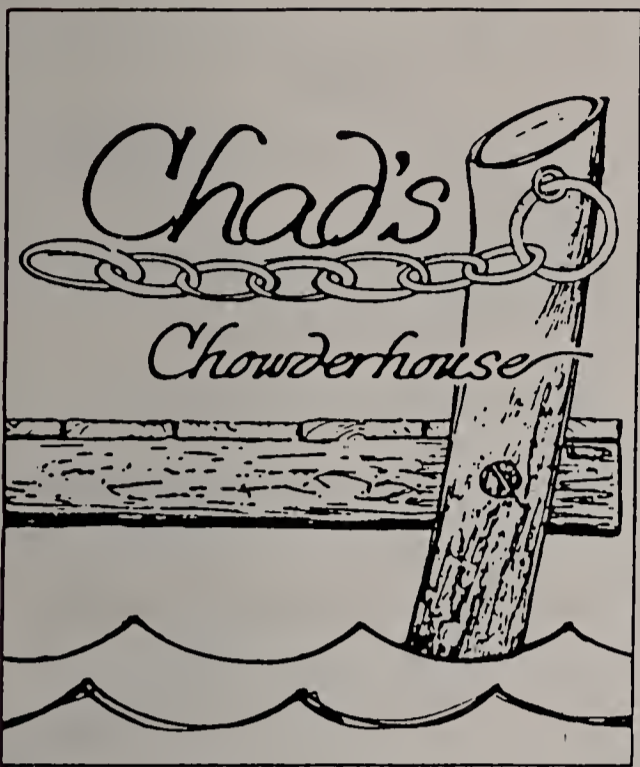
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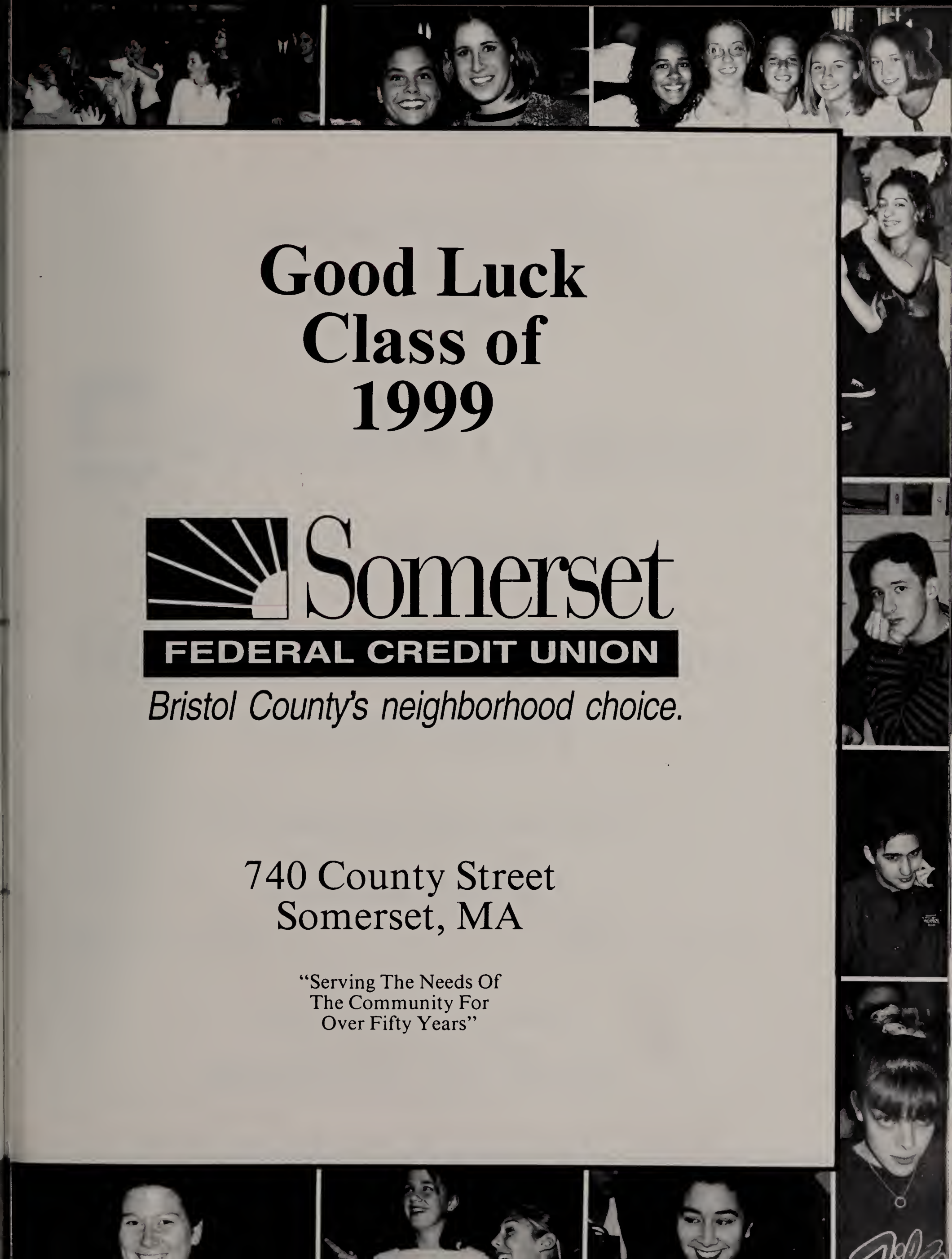
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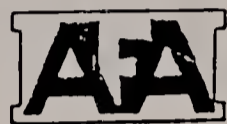
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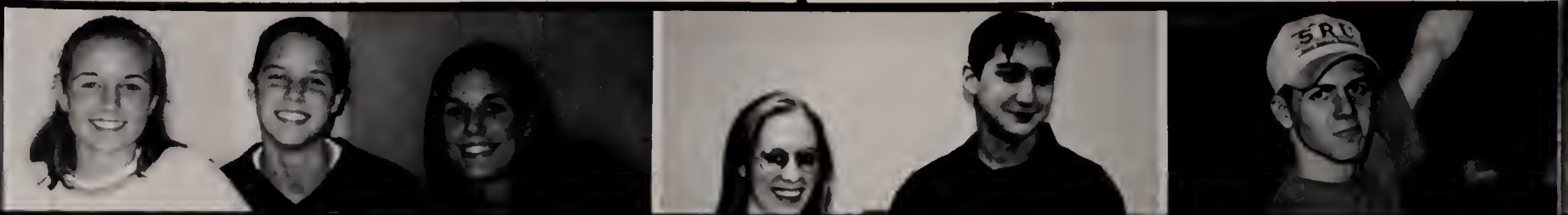
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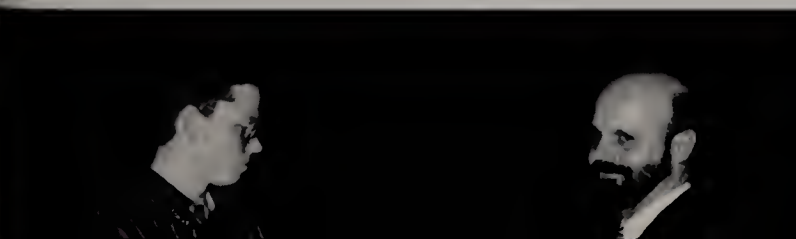
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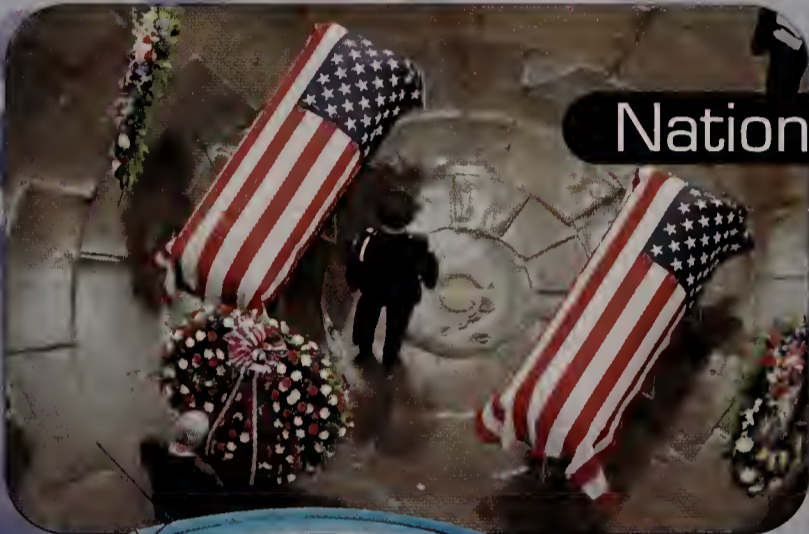
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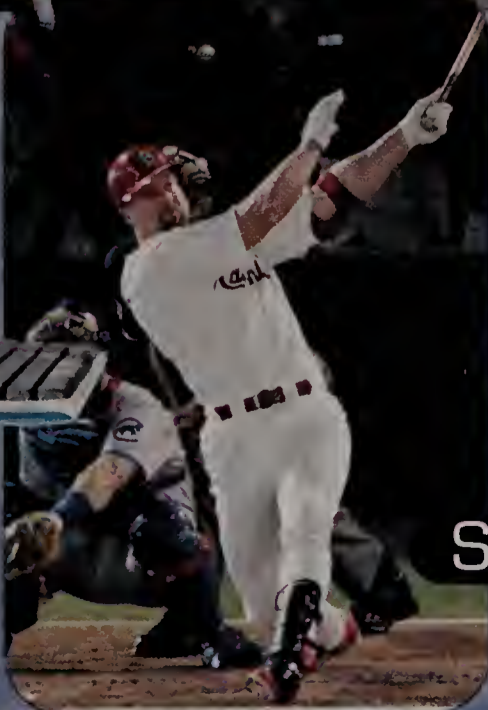
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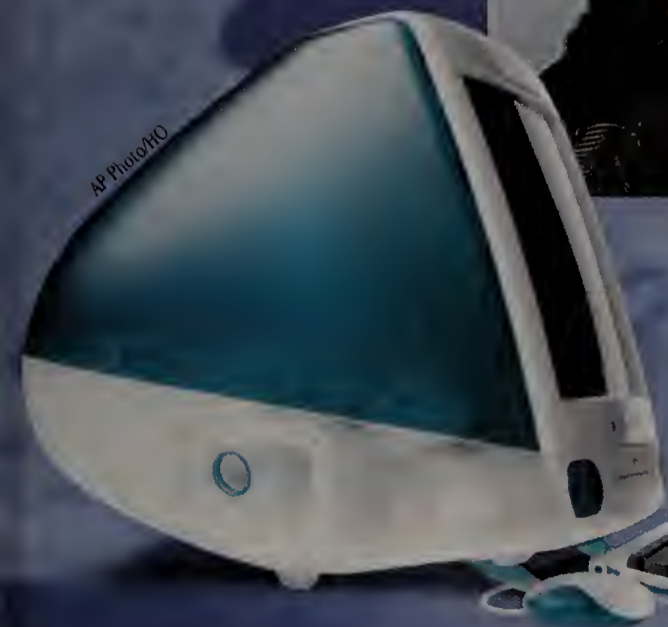
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World News



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➤ A total collapse of the Russian ruble sends world markets into chaos. Boris Yeltsin asks Viktor Chernomyrdin to head the government to help restore political and economic stability.



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➤ French high school students demand more teachers, better equipment and buildings and a lighter course load in an October protest in Paris. The French government designates \$40 million annually over the next four years, as well as 1,000 new teaching posts.



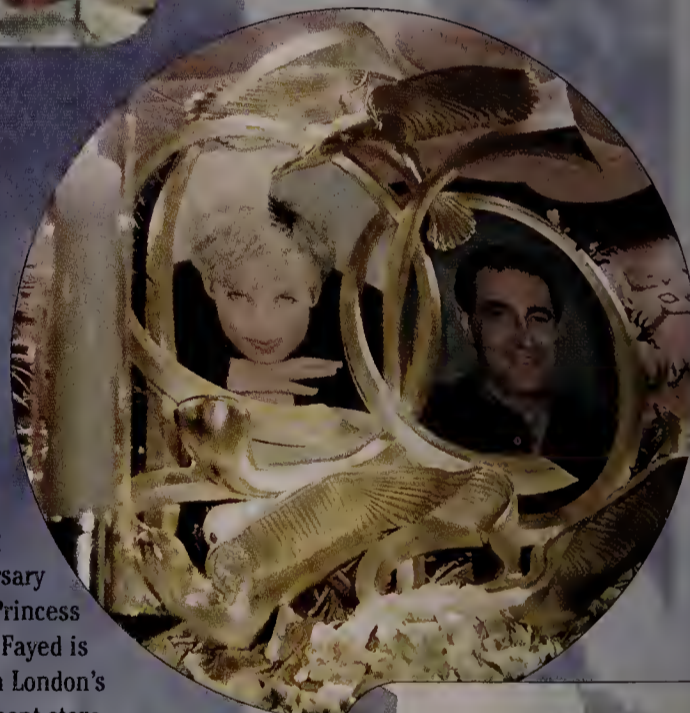
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➤ A discotheque fire in Goteborg, Sweden, kills 67 teens and injures several more, making it the deadliest fire in modern Swedish history. Arson is the suspected cause of the October fire.



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➤ After a U.N. drug summit in which 150 countries endorse an anti-drug campaign, the U.S. vows to spend an estimated \$1 billion over the next five years on anti-drug advertising, corporate and civic partnerships and promotion.



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➤ In a dangerous escalation of hostile feelings in the area, India begins nuclear bomb testing in response to Pakistan's testing of the Ghauri missile.



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➤ A memorial commemorating the first anniversary of the death of Princess Diana and Dodi Fayed is put on display in London's Harrods department store, which is owned by Dodi's father.



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➤ On September 2, Swissair Flight 111 crashes in the sea in Peggy's Cove, Nova Scotia, Canada, killing all 229 passengers and crew aboard. A cockpit wiring fire is the suspected cause of the disaster.



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➤ In retaliation for the African embassy bombings, the U.S. attacks a suspected chemical weapons factory in the capital of Sudan and a terrorist training camp in Afghanistan, and launches a worldwide search for suspected mastermind Osama bin Laden.

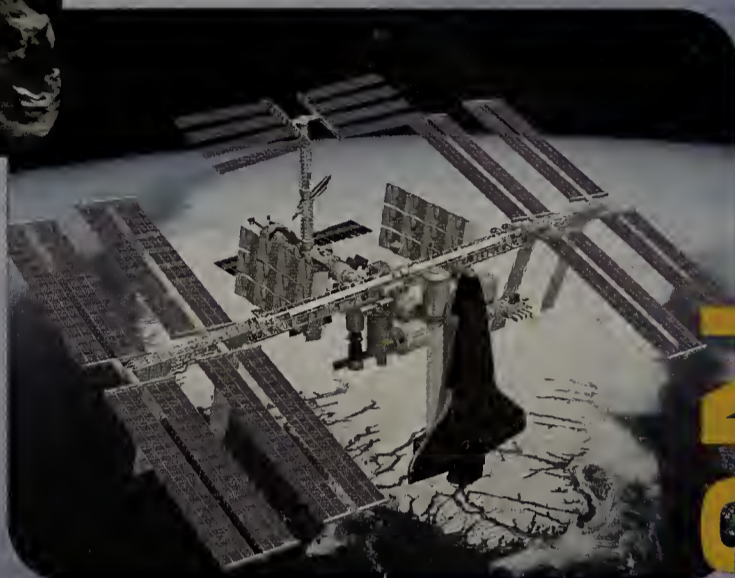
World News

➤ On August 7, powerful bombs explode outside the U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania killing 248 people, including 12 Americans, and injuring more than 5,000.



AP Photo/John McConnico

➤ NASA and Russia will conduct 45 missions to launch and assemble the International Space Station *Alpha*. Set for completion by 2004, the station will be powered by almost an acre of solar panels and will weigh almost one million pounds.



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➤ The remains of Czar Nicholas II and his family, killed in 1918 in Central Russia and buried in a mass grave, are exhumed and laid to rest in St. Petersburg.



➤ The worst summer flooding in China since 1954 kills 3,000 people, destroys 17 million homes and affects one-fifth of the country's population.



Gary Hershorn/Reuters

➤ President Clinton becomes the first U.S. leader to visit China since the Tiananmen Square massacre in 1989. Many criticize Clinton for his apparent leniency toward China's human rights restrictions.



AP Photo/Luis Romero

➤ Hurricane Mitch ravages parts of Central America and kills more than 10,000 people, making it the second deadliest storm in the region's history.

➤ After months of negotiations, Swiss banks and Jewish groups reach a \$1.25 billion settlement in a lawsuit filed by thousands of Holocaust survivors to recover lost savings.



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➤ On January 1, 1999, the euro debuts as the new currency in 11 European Common Market countries. It will be three more years before euro coins and cash are officially put into circulation.

Flash

John Hume and David Trimble, Northern Ireland's two main political party leaders, win the Nobel Peace Prize for their efforts to end the violence that has plagued the British province for three decades.

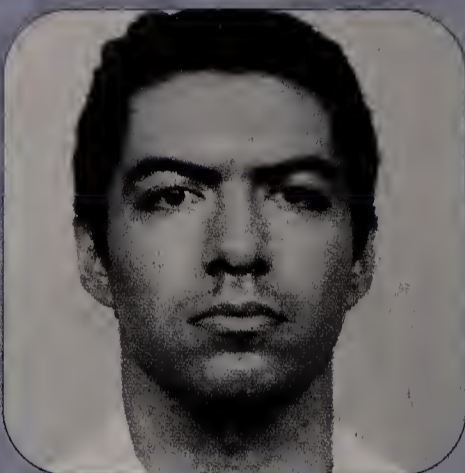
After a stop in Mexico City in January 1999, Pope John Paul II arrives in St. Louis, Missouri, and celebrates Mass with over 100,000 people in attendance.

In January 1999, an earthquake that measures 6.0 on the Richter scale hits Colombia killing over 1,000 people.

King Hussein of Jordan, 63, dies on February 7, 1999, of lymphatic cancer. Hussein's 47-year reign made him the Middle East's longest-serving leader.

National News

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➔ Convicted killer Martin Gurule escapes death row and is later found drowned in a nearby river. Gurule is the first Texas inmate to escape death row since 1934.

➔ President Clinton becomes the second president in history to be impeached. The House of Representatives charges him with two counts of obstruction of justice and perjury. The Senate acquits Clinton after a five-week trial.

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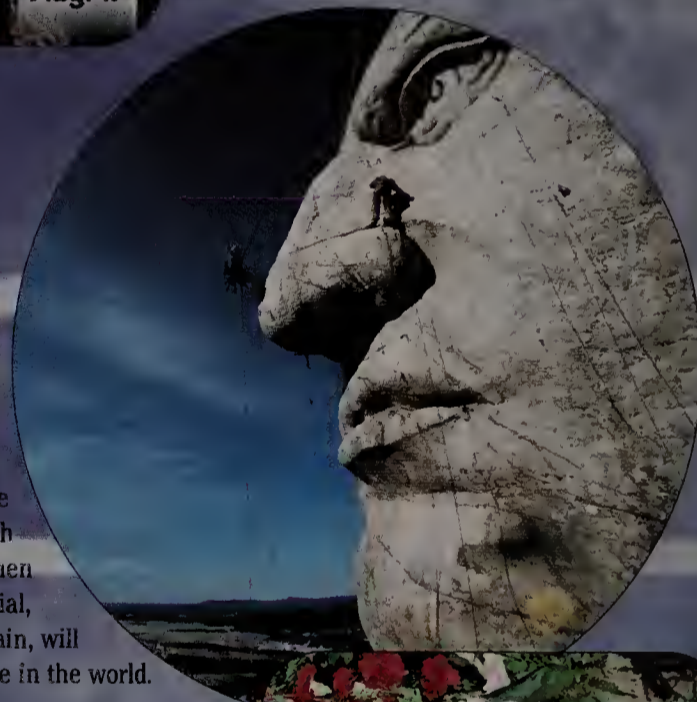
➔ The U.S. Treasury unveils a new \$20 bill designed to be much harder to counterfeit and more capable of withstanding heavy abuse.



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➔ President Clinton declares the entire state of Florida a disaster area after fires burn over 300,000 acres and damage or destroy 150,000 homes.

➔ After 50 years of work, the face of Crazy Horse is revealed at the South Dakota monument. When completed, the memorial, carved out of a mountain, will be the largest sculpture in the world.

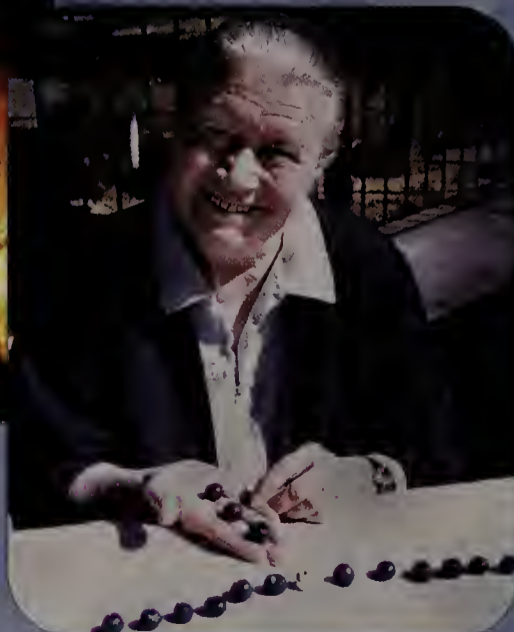


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➔ Sixteen of the 24 glass beads that historians believe were used to buy Manhattan Island from Native Indians in 1626 are donated to the Indian Museum of North America located at the Crazy Horse Memorial.



AP Photo/Crazy Horse Memorial, Robb DeWald, File

AP Photo/Ed Bailey



➔ A massive Millennium Clock in New York City's garment district counts down the days, hours, minutes and seconds to the year 2000.

AP Photo/Brett Coomer



➔ In June, African-American James Byrd Jr., 49, is chained to the back of a truck and dragged to his death in Jasper, Texas, by three men, two of whom have ties to white supremacists.

National News

➤ Mentally unstable Russell Eugene Weston Jr. charges into the U.S. Capitol building on July 24 and fatally shoots Special Agent John Gibson and Officer Jacob Chestnut.



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➤ A Titanic exhibit tours the U.S. featuring over 200 artifacts and displays chronicling the fateful ship's maiden voyage and tragic sinking.



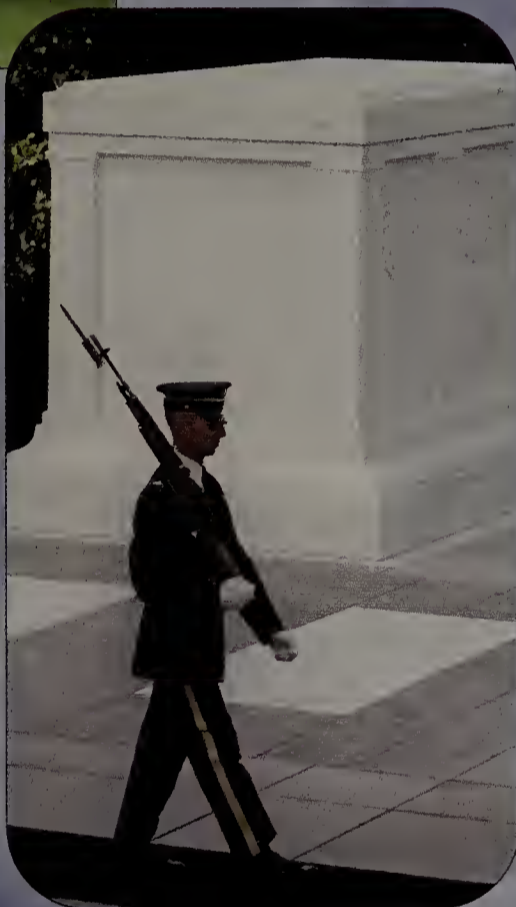
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➤ Northwest Airlines pilots strike for 17 days in August and September causing more than 27,000 canceled flights and a loss of \$338 million.

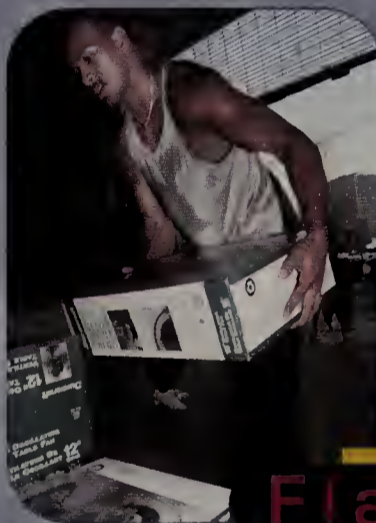


➤ Reform Party candidate Jesse Ventura shocks the nation when he wins the race for governor of Minnesota in November. Ventura is a former Navy Seal, pro wrestler and action movie actor.



AP Photo/Ruth Fremson

➤ In response to family pressure, DNA testing confirms that remains buried in the Tomb of the Unknowns are those of Michael J. Blassie, an Air Force pilot shot down in Vietnam.



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➤ In summer 1998, North Texas temperatures exceed 100 degrees for 45 days. The state's heat death toll climbs to 132 and fires burn over 344,000 acres.

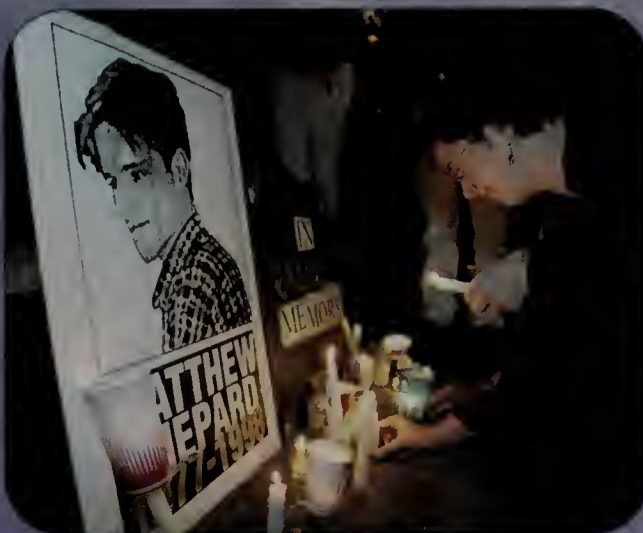
Flash

➤ In September, Hurricane Georges crashes through the Florida Keys and Mississippi. The killer storm causes the largest mandatory evacuation in Florida history, and Mississippi victims receive over \$131 million in aid.



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➤ Matthew Shepard, a 21-year-old gay student at the University of Wyoming, dies five days after being brutally attacked in an apparent hate crime. Vigils in his memory are held across the country.



AP Photo/Suzanne Plunkett

In August, General Motors Corporation and United Auto Workers reach an agreement that ends an eight-week strike.

President Clinton announces the federal government ends the 1998 fiscal year with a budget surplus of \$70 billion, the first surplus since 1969.

More than 280 colleges now admit some or all of their applicants without regard to SAT or ACT scores. Many schools say the system improves the academic quality and diversity of their student bodies.

DNA tests determine that Rebecca Chittum was unknowingly switched with Callie Conley at a Virginia hospital after their births three years ago. This case prompts a national debate on the need for stricter hospital procedures.

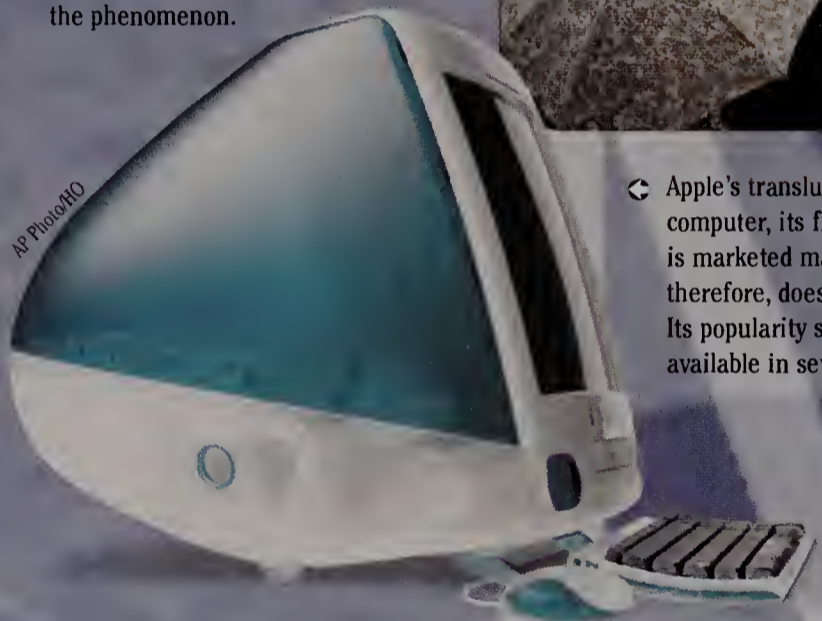
Science News



NASA

- An analysis of Eastern Seaboard weather shows it really does rain more frequently on weekends than during the week, an average of 22 percent more. Automobile emission patterns are the suspected cause of the phenomenon.

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- Apple's translucent aqua-blue iMac personal computer, its first consumer offering in years, is marketed mainly for Internet usage and, therefore, doesn't come with a disk drive. Its popularity soars and it soon becomes available in several other colors.

- The comet Tempel-Tuttle causes a meteor storm when it passes by Earth. The comet will be visible again in fall 1999, after which it won't reappear for another 32 years.



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- A computerized T-shirt, woven with fiber optics and electrically conducted thread, may soon monitor the health of soldiers, rescuers, the elderly and others who are medically vulnerable.

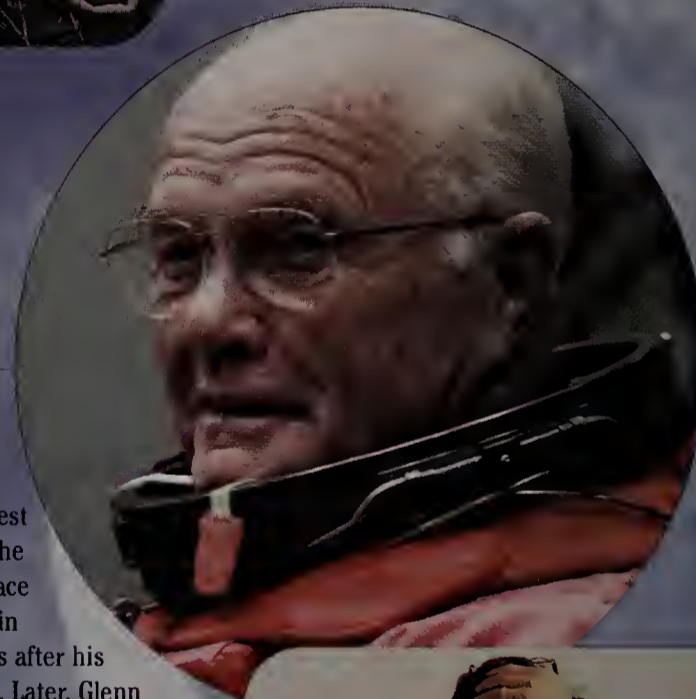


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- Columbia University graduate student Elizabeth Brannon and psychology professor Herbert Terrace demonstrate that monkeys can master simple arithmetic on at least the level of a two-year-old child.



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- John Glenn, 77, becomes the oldest astronaut when he undertakes a space shuttle mission in October, 36 years after his first space flight. Later, Glenn retires from a 24-year career in the U.S. Senate.



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- A study demonstrates that the more hours people spend on the Internet, the more depressed, stressed and lonely they feel.

➔ The USDA announces that a 25-millisecond blast of 270-degree steam applied to meat kills 99.99 percent of the bacteria. This process follows the unpopular method of irradiation.



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➔ Paleontologists in Argentina discover thousands of shards of fossilized dinosaur eggs. Several shards contain the fossilized remains of unhatched embryos and their never-before-seen embryo skin.



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3 The Electronic Structure of Atoms

- 3.1 The Nature Of Light And Emission Spectra
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➔ Chemistry professor Claude Yoder co-authors "Interactive Chemistry," a CD-ROM that uses animation to lead students through chemistry problems, eliminating the need for a textbook.

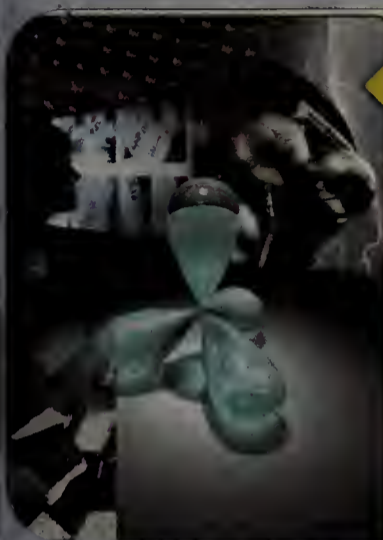
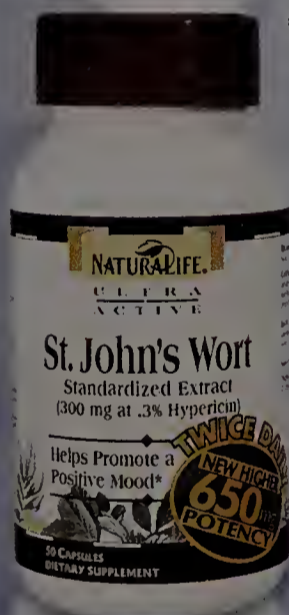


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➔ The FDA withholds medical approval of St. John's Wort, the popular herbal supplement widely believed to relieve depression. However, American consumer demand has led to its use in everything from lipstick to potato chips.



Duffin McGee/Reuters



Purdue University

➔ Researchers discover a gene that may cause the aggressive behavior of "killer bees." This knowledge may help tame African bees, whose sting has deterred beekeepers from tending hives.



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➔ Alan Shepard, the first American in space, dies on July 22 at the age of 74.

Flash

Astronomers discover and photograph a planet outside our solar system that is about 450 light years away from Earth.

Alabama hairdresser Philip McCorty discovers that human hair soaks up oil from water, which prompts NASA to investigate ways to use human hair to clean oil spills.

In August, renowned Houston heart surgeon Dr. Denton Cooley performs open-heart surgery which is broadcast live on the America's Health Network Internet web site.

David Scott, who lost his left hand in a fireworks accident, receives the first U.S. human hand transplant in January 1999. Scott has regained limited motion in his donor hand.

➔ Researchers reveal a new technique that determines the sex of a baby before conception. This technique uses a laser detector that measures the DNA in sperm cells.



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➔ On August 12, the \$1 billion Titan 4 rocket explodes 42 seconds after liftoff. The rocket payload included a highly classified Defense Department satellite.



Lifestyle News

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◀ A *USA Today* investigation reveals that many of the nation's safe drinking water regulations are not being enforced. The report reveals that even the worst violations have just a 1 in 10 chance of drawing legal action.

➤ Lovegety, a palm-sized matchmaking device, is the latest craze with Japanese teenagers. When it comes within 15 feet of another Lovegety, high-pitched beepers go off, lights flash, and the "love detectors" display whether the users' preset interests match. It's now available in the U.S.

AP Photo/Koji Sasahara



➤ PlayStation's "Crash Bandicoot: WARPED" supersedes its popular predecessors. Also new is Crash's sister Coco who gallops along the Great Wall of China and cruises through enemy-infested waters.



AP Photo/Ed Bailey

◀ Furby, the year's must-have interactive toy, has a vocabulary of 200 words in both English and its own language, "Furbish." Furby knows when it is being petted, when the lights go out, when music starts, and if there's another Furby in the room.

➤ WildEyes contact lenses feature several designs, including a starburst, black eight ball and cat's eyes. The \$165 lenses come in prescription and non-prescription and don't interfere with eyesight.



AP Photo/Charles Dharapak

➤ Consumer groups demand the recall of Olestra from the market, or at least the adoption of strict guidelines as to its use, after thousands of people become sick from eating the popular fat substitute. However, studies suggest that chips made with Olestra do not cause greater stomach problems than regular chips.



Kurt Duncan

➤ Appearing in malls in 33 states, job kiosks dispense employment opportunities for interested applicants. Job seekers enter their skills and ambitions and the machine scans its database for a match.

I WANT YOU



◀ In December, Selective Service activates online registration. Eighteen-year-olds can now register instantly instead of filling out forms at the post office that take two to three months to process.

Lifesty News



➤ As the need for toll-free numbers greatly increases, the 887 prefix joins the 800 and 888 prefixes already in use.

➤ A sleek, redesigned version of the '60s Volkswagen Beetle enters the market. Despite a May 1998 recall for wiring problems, the New Beetle is wildly popular.

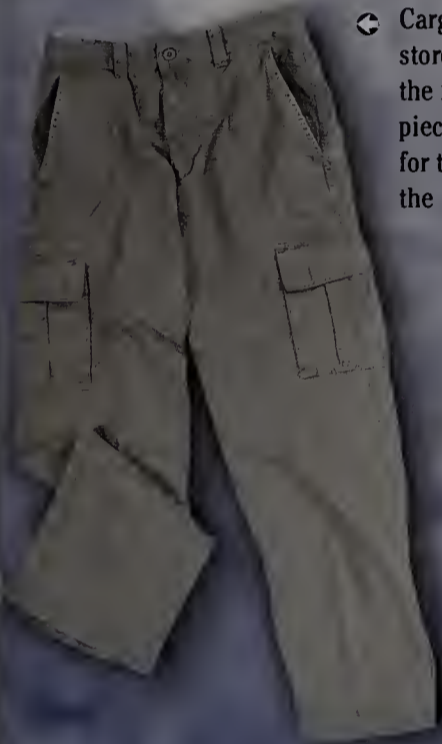


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➤ Butterflies and dragonflies are the hot motif in the fashion world appearing on everything from clothes and bags to hair accessories and jewelry.



➤ For \$20-30 a day, trained professionals at dog and cat day cares will play with, read to, feed and pamper pets in their care.



➤ Cargo pants invade stores and become the must-have piece of apparel for teens across the nation.



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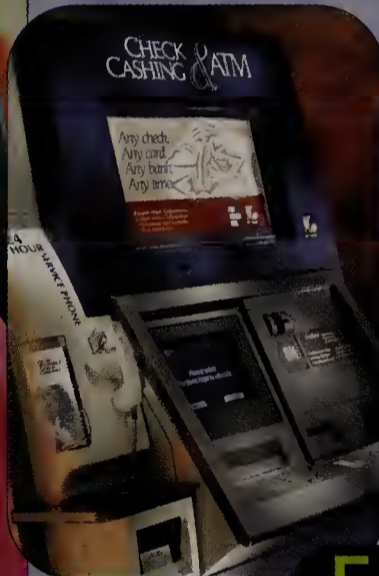


Photo courtesy of Mr. Payroll Corporation

➤ Mr. Payroll is the first ATM that can cash a check – even for someone without a bank account. The machine “memorizes” facial features and matches them with a social security number to verify the user’s identity.

➤ Pilates, a low-impact form of exercise that uses unique equipment and deep stretching techniques, becomes popular with men and women.



➤ Rollerblade introduces durable, all-terrain in-line skates that can traverse dirt paths and rocky trails. The large-wheeled skates retail for a cool \$600.

Flash

In hopes of reducing the divorce rate, the Florida legislature passes the nation's first law requiring that high school students be taught marital and relationship skills.

In the wake of palm and coconut breeding programs, California is one of several states to pass legislation regarding breeding trees.

Spurred by fierce competition, colleges and universities are going online to offer students a new way to get an education. Florida State and New York University are a few jumping on board.

The average home Internet user spends 10 hours a year waiting for web pages to load.

Entertainment News

AP Photo/NBC, Jeff Katz



➡ Heartthrob George Clooney announces 1998-99 will be his last season on NBC's award-winning television drama, "ER."

➡ NBC's "Frasier" makes history by winning its fifth consecutive outstanding comedy series award at the 50th annual Emmy Awards. Kelsey Grammer, in the title role, wins his third Emmy as best comedy actor.

AP Photo/Reed Saxon



➡ In November, ABC's "Spin City" star Michael J. Fox, 37, reveals he has Parkinson's disease. Fox underwent brain surgery in March 1998 in an attempt to relieve severe tremors.

Radica Games



➡ Trail Burner, a hand-held mountain bike racing game, uses motion sensors to turn corners and jump hills and water pits. Crashes make the handlebars vibrate.

➡ Tom Hanks stars in Steven Spielberg's *Saving Private Ryan*, an authentic recreation of World War II's D-Day. The film receives 11 Oscar nominations.

➡ Adam Sandler stars in the surprise hit *The Waterboy*, which earns a record \$39.1 million in its November opening weekend.



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➡ Britain's best Scrabble players commemorate the popular board game's 50th anniversary in October by playing in London's Wembley Stadium using letter tiles the size of dining tables.

AP Photo/Joan C. Fahrenthold



➡ Karl Malone and Dennis Rodman face off in a World Championship Wrestling tag-team match. The event pits Rodman and Hollywood Hulk Hogan against Malone and Diamond Dallas Page.

Entertainment Weekly's

Flash

Walt Disney's *A Bug's Life* is one of at least 15 animated feature films that will flood the nation's theaters in the next two years.



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In May 1998, the much-anticipated movie *Godzilla* opens to disappointing reviews and box office numbers. The epic leaves theaters quickly.

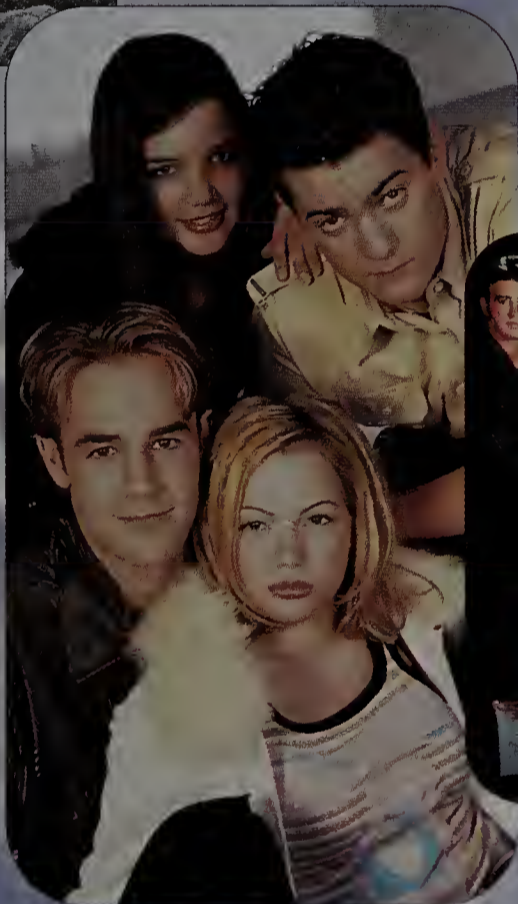


AP Photo/Courtesy Viewpoint Datalabs



In June, Keiko arrives in his native Iceland to begin his assimilation to his new surroundings. The move concludes a four-year campaign to release the five-ton star of the movie *Free Willy*.

Players of Vertical Reality, a combination video game and amusement ride, shoot at moving targets on a 24-foot-tall screen and sit in chairs that rise with each successful hit. The winner rides to the top for a grand view.



Dorothy Low/Shooting Star

The wildly popular stars of The WB network's "Dawson's Creek" hit the big screen, filming eight feature films during hiatus. Magazine covers by *TV Guide*, *Seventeen* and *Interview* fuel the craze.



AP Photo/WB, James Sorenson

The coming-of-age drama "Felicity" quickly gains popularity with teens. The WB show revolves around a young woman and her new experiences at college.

¡Yo Quiero Taco Bell!

Taco Bell's talking Chihuahua becomes a favorite teen advertising icon and sparks a surge of interest in the breed.

AP Photo/Taco Bell, HO



Actor Rick Schroder replaces Jimmy Smits on ABC's "NYPD Blue." The fate of Smits' character in his last episode — he dies when a heart transplant fails — became a source of nationwide speculation.



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Megastars Bruce Willis and Demi Moore announce their separation in June after almost 11 years of marriage.

The American Film Institute rates the top 100 movies of the 20th century. The top ten include: *Citizen Kane*, 1941
Casablanca, 1942
The Godfather, 1972
Gone With the Wind, 1939
Lawrence of Arabia, 1962
The Wizard of Oz, 1939
The Graduate, 1967
On the Waterfront, 1954
Schindler's List, 1993
Singin' in the Rain, 1952

Fans flock to theaters to see the two-minute trailer for *Star Wars: Episode I - The Phantom Menace* and many leave without staying to watch the main attraction. The prequel to the wildly popular *Star Wars* trilogy opens in May 1999.

Music News

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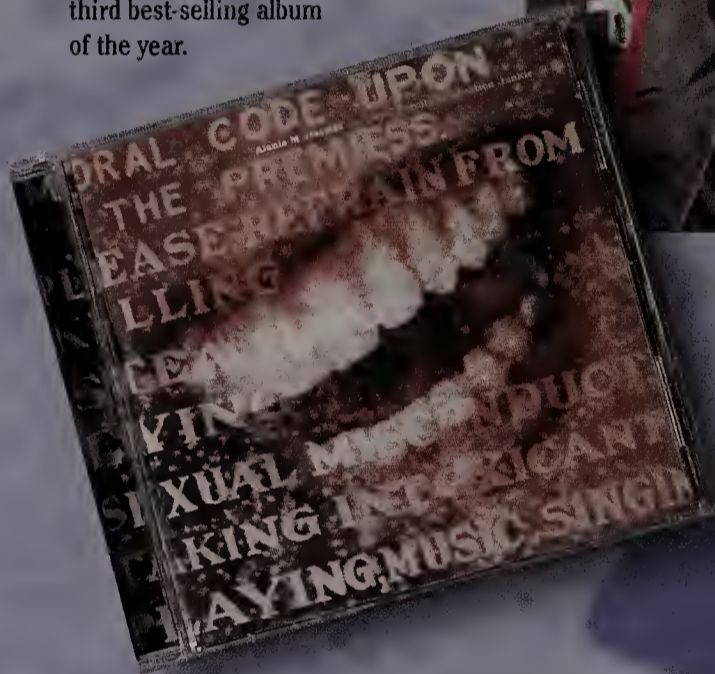
☛ Singer and actor Frank Sinatra dies at the age of 82 on May 14, 1998.

☛ Thanks in part to their 42-city tour, The Backstreet Boys' self-titled album sells nine million copies making it the third best-selling album of the year.



☛ Sharp and Sony introduce portable MiniDisc recorders. This digital alternative to audiocassettes records customized music compilations and doesn't skip when bumped.

AP Photo/Rick Hawner



☛ Alanis Morissette's new album, *Supposed Former Infatuation Junkie*, is released in November and vaults to No. 1. The album sells 469,000 copies in the first week.

☛ In January 1999, the group 'N Sync wins Favorite New Pop/Rock Artist at the American Music Awards.



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☛ The Dixie Chicks' *Wide Open Spaces* is the fastest-selling debut album by a country music group. The group wins the Vocal Group of the Year award from the Country Music Association.

AP Photo/Michael S. Green



☛ Nineteen-year-old Usher is named *Billboard* Music Awards' Artist of the Year and R&B Artist of the Year. Touring with Janet Jackson and making television and movie appearances has heightened Usher's popularity.



AP Photo/Joey Terrill

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☛ Spice Girl Geri Halliwell, better known as Ginger Spice, announces in May 1998 that she is leaving the popular group for creative reasons.

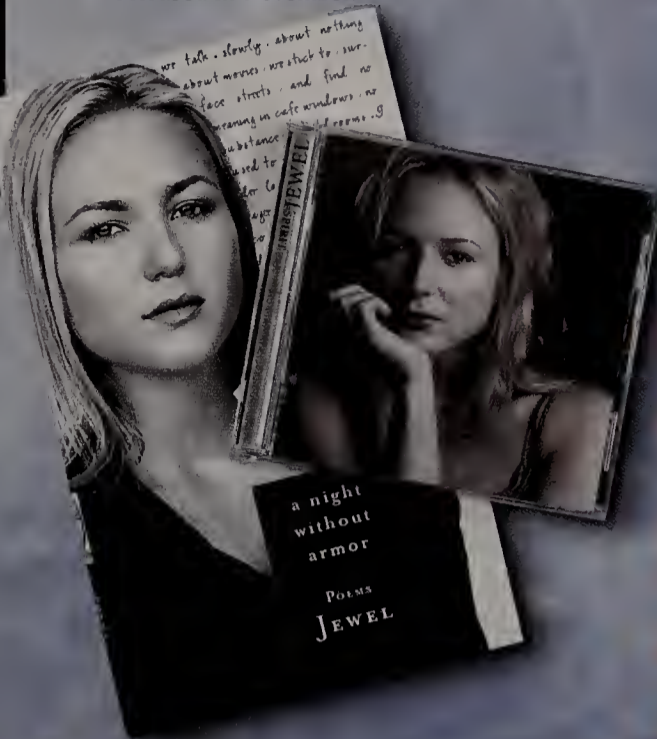
MusiNews

➤ Swing dancing makes a comeback with the help of music from bands like Cherry Poppin' Daddies (shown) and the Brian Setzer Orchestra.

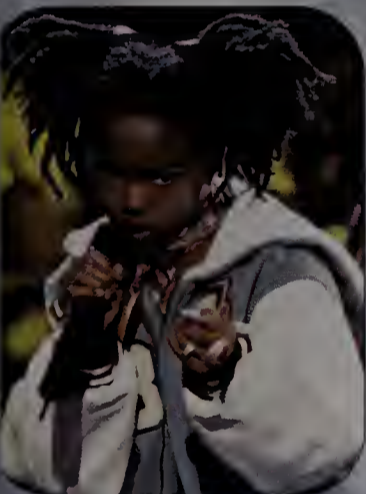


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➤ Jewel scores on two fronts. Her book of poetry, *A Night Without Armor*, makes the New York Times best-seller list, and her album, *Spirit*, is released in November.



➤ Shania Twain wins the Favorite Female Country Artist award at the American Music Awards and receives six Grammy nominations.



➤ The popularity of Lauryn Hill's album *The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill* leads to 10 Grammy nominations, the most for any female artist in history. Hill kicks off a worldwide tour in January 1999.



➤ Natalie Imbruglia wins Breakthrough Artist honors at the MTV Video Music Awards in September. Her album, *Left of the Middle*, features hits "Torn" and "Wishing I Was There."



➤ Aerosmith's "I Don't Want to Miss a Thing," from the movie *Armageddon*, becomes the group's first single to hit No. 1 on the *Billboard* Hot 100 charts.

AP Photo/The Hamilton Spectator, Scott Gardner

Flash

Psychologists discover a connection between musical training and verbal memory. Children trained to play a musical instrument grow up to have 16 percent better word memory than other adults.

Movie soundtracks account for nearly half of the Gold and Platinum certification. Some of the top soundtracks include *Titanic* and *Return to Titanic*, *City of Angels*, *Armageddon*, *Hope Floats*, *Dr. Doolittle* and *The Wedding Singer*.

Whitney Houston's *My Love Is Your Love* is her first studio album in eight years. The album includes the hit duet with Mariah Carey entitled "When You Believe."

Actor/rapper Will Smith wins three American Music Awards, including Favorite Pop/Rock Album, Favorite Soul/R&B Album and Favorite Soul/R&B Male Artist.

➤ Monica is the only artist in 1998 with two No. 1 hits on the *Billboard* Hot 100, including "The First Night" and "The Boy Is Mine," a duet she sings with Brandy.



ROBA PRESS/Shooting Star

➤ In November, Garth Brooks' new album *Double Live* enjoys first-day sales of over 500,000 copies, the industry's best one-day tally. Brooks makes special TV and Wal-Mart closed-circuit TV appearances to promote the release.



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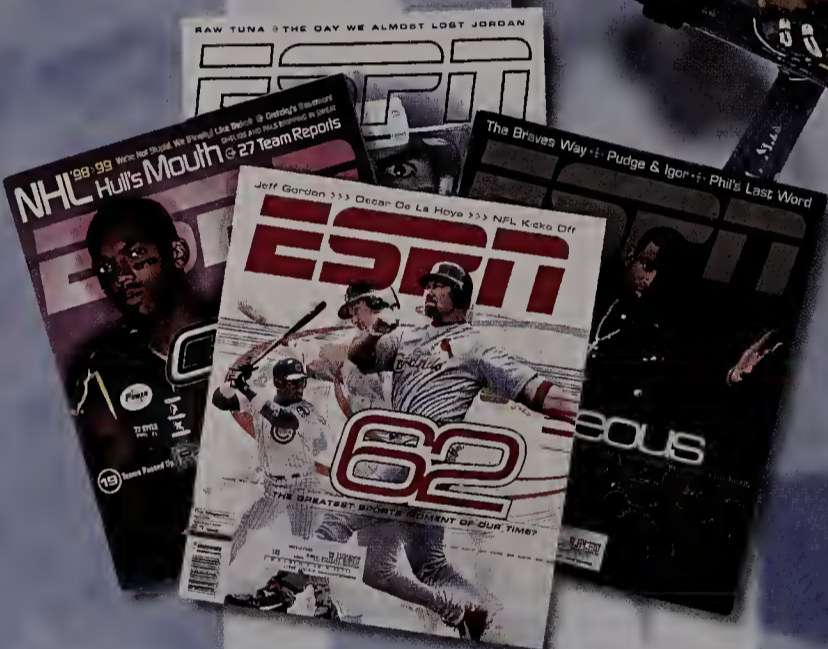
Sports News

Reuters/John Iacono/Archive Photos



◀ Sang Lan, China's 17-year-old gymnastics champion, breaks two vertebrae during a vault at the Goodwill Games in July, leaving her paralyzed from the chest down.

➔ Skiboards, short skis with twin tips that allow forward and backward jumping, debut in competition at the 1998 ESPN Winter X Games.



◀ In March 1998, ESPN launches a large-format sports magazine, *ESPN The Magazine*, to compete with *Sports Illustrated*.

◀ On January 4, 1999, Tennessee beats Florida State University 23-16 at the Fiesta Bowl in Arizona to win the national championship. It is the first year of the Bowl Championship Series, created to ensure that the highest ranked college teams nationally meet in a bowl game.



AP Photo/Dave Martin

➔ Defending champion Detroit Red Wings win the 1998 Stanley Cup championship, beating the Washington Capitals 4-1. Defenseman Vladimir Konstantinov, severely injured in a car accident after last year's Stanley Cup win, joins the celebration.

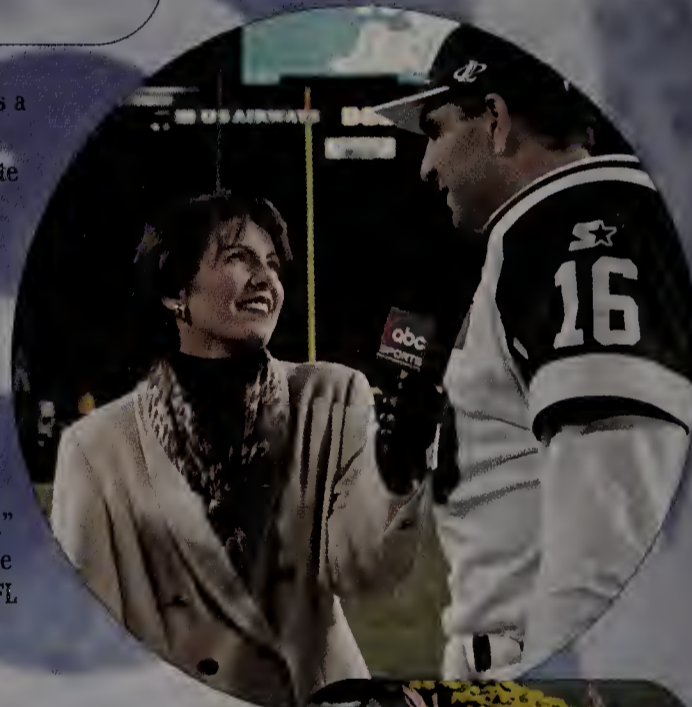


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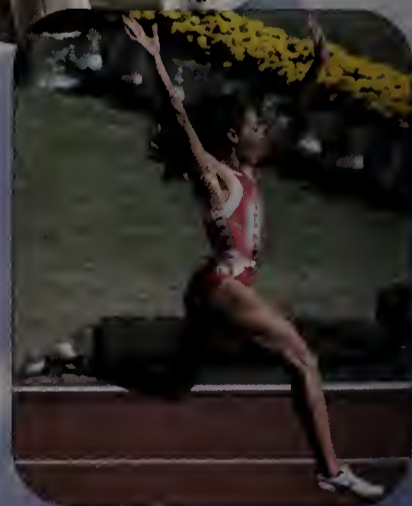
AP Photo/Ric Pien

➔ Jeff Gordon wins the NASCAR Winston Cup for a second year in a row. Gordon, 27, is the youngest driver to win three Winston Cup championships.



Ida Mae Astute/ABC

➔ ABC's Lesley Visser becomes the first woman to report from the sidelines during "Monday Night Football," the 1998 Super Bowl, the NCAA Final Four and NFL playoff games.

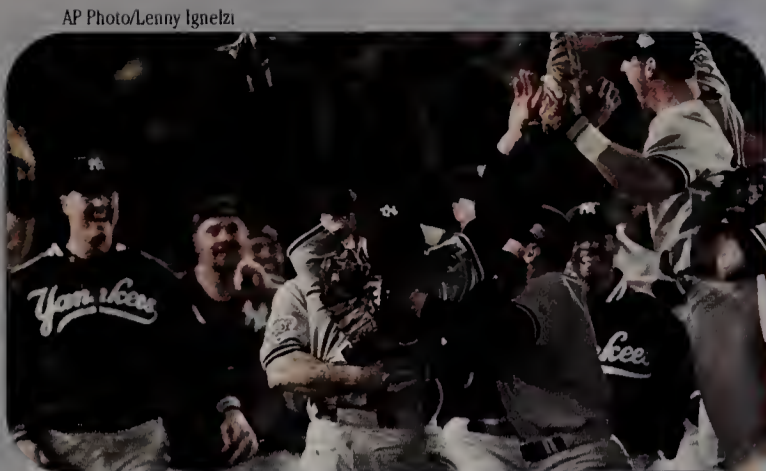


AP Photo/Eric Risberg

◀ Flamboyant sprinter Florence Griffith Joyner (FloJo), triple gold medalist at the 1988 Olympics, dies at age 38 in her sleep, of suffocation during an epileptic seizure.

Sports News

➤ In a 4-0 sweep against the San Diego Padres, the New York Yankees win the 1998 World Series to claim their 24th championship. The Yankees' 125 total victories is a modern baseball record.



AP Photo/Lenny Ignelzi

➤ In July, France beats Brazil 3-0 to win its first World Cup soccer title. During celebrations, a motorist drives through the crowd on the Champs-Élysées and injures 60 people.



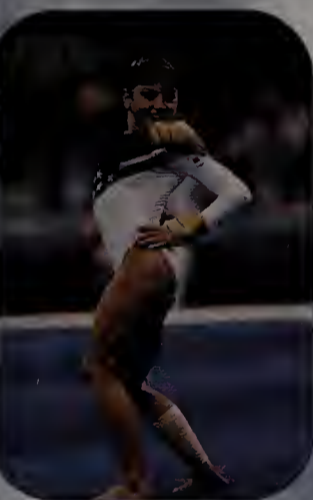
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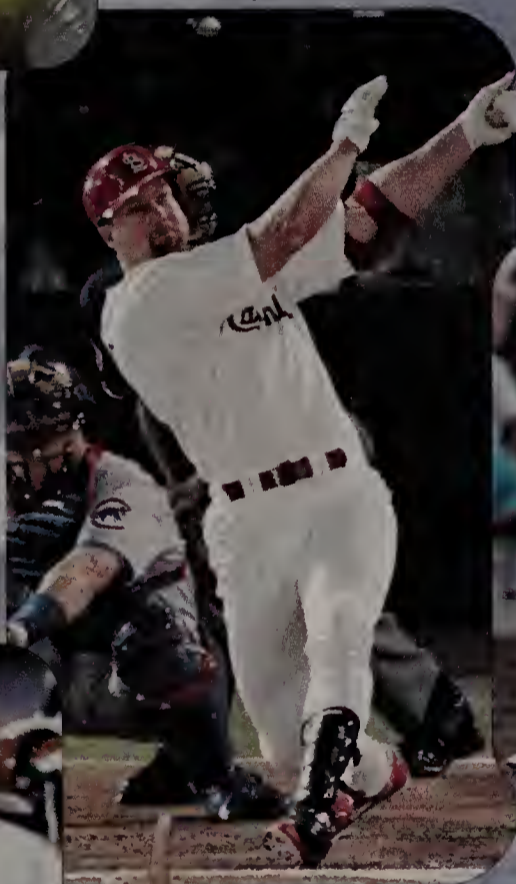
AP Photo/Rusty Kennedy

➤ Lindsay Davenport, 22, defeats Martina Hingis in the U.S. Open in September and becomes the No. 1-ranked player in the world.

AP Photo/John Gaps III



➤ Olympic gymnast Dominique Moceanu is declared a legal adult after suing her parents, alleging they squandered her earnings and oppressed her for years. Later, Moceanu is granted a protective order against her father for stalking her.



➤ St. Louis Cardinal Mark McGwire hits home run number 62 on September 8, breaking the record set by Roger Maris in 1961. McGwire ends the season with 70 home runs.

Scott Olson/Reuters



➤ On September 13, Sammy Sosa of the Chicago Cubs also breaks Roger Maris' record with his single-season 62nd home run. Sosa ends the season with 66 home runs.



➤ The defending champion Denver Broncos meet the upstart Atlanta Falcons at Super Bowl XXXIII in Miami. The Broncos win 34-19.

➤ Golfer Casey Martin, who suffers from a circulatory disorder in his right leg, wins a lawsuit allowing him to use a cart during PGA and Nike golf tournaments.



AP Photo/Eric Risberg

➤ The Chicago Bulls capture their sixth NBA championship by beating the Utah Jazz 87-86 in game six. Michael Jordan earns the Finals MVP award. In January 1999, Jordan announces his retirement from the NBA after 13 seasons.

AP Photo/Mark J. Terrill



Flash

On September 20, Cal Ripken Jr. ends his 16-year streak of 2,632 consecutive baseball games played by withdrawing himself from the Baltimore lineup for that night.

NBA owners impose a lockout on July 1 that causes almost half the '98-'99 basketball season to be lost. The labor dispute is settled on January 6.

Tennis star Pete Sampras wins his fifth Wimbledon title and remains the world's No. 1 player for a record sixth straight year, breaking Jimmy Connors' mark for consecutive seasons on top.

The NFL season is plagued with controversial and incorrect calls. Instant replay is not reinstated, but coin toss procedures are implemented.

Faces News

AP Photo/Charles Rex Arbogast, File



◀ Miss Virginia Nicole Johnson is crowned Miss America 1999 in Atlantic City. The 24-year-old diabetic wears an insulin pump on her hip and plans to spotlight diabetes awareness during her reign.

➤ Fifty-six-year-old Linda McCartney, photographer, animal rights activist and wife of famed Beatle Paul, dies of breast cancer on April 17, 1998.

AP Photo



Karl Gehring/Denver Post



↑ Seventeen-year-old Katie Hnida is named Chatfield Senior High School's Homecoming Queen as well as starting kicker for the varsity football team. The No. 1-ranked kicker in the state of Colorado, Hnida hopes to play Division I college football next year.

Emilie Sommer/Cape Cod Times



◀ After dropping out of the third grade in 1902 to care for her 11 younger siblings, retired nanny and housekeeper Eugenie Garside finally receives her high school diploma at age 98.

AP Photo/Deb Halberstadt



◀ Beloved puppeteer Shari Lewis dies of cancer on August 2. Her creations include her trademark Lamb Chop, Hush Puppy and Charlie Horse.

AP Photo/NBC Photo, Dave Bjerke



◀ NBC's "News Radio" star and former "Saturday Night Live" cast member Phil Hartman dies from a gunshot wound inflicted by his wife in May 1998.

Flash

Canadian Tobin Belanger escorts a mannequin to his high school prom. He names her Jen, picks out her dress and corsage and arrives in a limousine.

Minnesotan David Weinick "advertises" for a wife and courtes pharmacy student Elizabeth Runze from 23 hopefuls who travel to the Mall of America in Minneapolis for the event. Runze and Weinick marry the same day.

AP Photo/Suzanne Plunkett



➤ Olympic gold medalist figure skater Tara Lipinski takes part in an anti-tobacco rally with area school children on Capitol Hill in May 1998. The rally is sponsored by the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids.



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